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In re Application of:)	
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Belt Drive System with)	
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Dear Examiner Hoang:

This argument is responsive to the final office action mailed 10/29/03. Please enter this argument in the subject case.

Amendment

I. In the Specification.

1. None.

II. In the Drawings.

1. None.

III. In the Claims.

1. None.

VI. Remarks.

The Examiner entered the following rejections.

1. Claims 1-4, 8-12, and 14-39 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayakawa et al (US. 4,478,595).

As to claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 21, 29 the cited reference does not recite every limitation arranged as in the claim. Hayakawa comprises an actuator (1) that applies a tensioning force to a belt. However, Hayakawa does not directly sense a belt load parameter as claimed. Instead, a CPU calculates an actual tensioning force T in relation to a calculated bearing load H. The actual bearing load H is calculated by the CPU based on a known spring constant K, a piston displacement X and a known initial spring strain X₀. See col. 5, lines 52-68 and col. 7, lines 43-50. Measurement of X does not constitute sensing a belt